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Re:

Application of Lightyear Communications, Inc. for a Certificate to Provide Facilities-Based Local Exchange Telecommunications Services and Facilities-Based

Long Distance Telecommunications Services

Dear Mr. Waddell:

Enclosed for filing are the original and thirteen (13) copies of the above-referenced application of Lightyear Communications, Inc. ("Lightyear") for authority to provide facilities-based local and long distance telecommunications services in Tennessee. Also enclosed is our check in the amount of \$25.00 for the application filing fee.

The confidential proprietary financial statements of Lightyear Communications, Inc. are submitted under separate seal as part of this filing. Please handle in accordance with your established procedures for confidential material.

Please acknowledge receipt of this filing by returning, date-stamped, the extra copy of this cover letter in the self-addressed, stamped envelope enclosed for this purpose.

Any questions regarding this filing may be directed to my attention at (407) 740-8575. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Robin Norton

Consultant to Lightyear Communications, Inc.

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Linda Hunt - Lightyear

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APPLICATION FOR AMENDED AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE FACILITIES-BASED LOCAL EXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES AND FACILITIES-BASED LONG DISTANCE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES

Pursuant to applicable Tennessee Statutes and the Rules and regulations of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority and Section 253 of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 ("Act"), Lightyear Communications, Inc. ("Applicant" or "Lightyear") respectfully requests that the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("TRA") grant Lightyear amended authority to provide facilities-based long distance telecommunications services and facilities-based local exchange telecommunications services, including exchange access telecommunications services, within the State of Tennessee.

In support of its Application, Lightyear submits the following:

I. Administrative Requirements

- A. Lightyear is willing and able to comply with all applicable rules and regulations in Tennessee pertaining to the provision of competing long distance and local exchange telecommunications services.
- B. Corporate name of service provider:

 Lightyear Communications, Inc.

Administrative Requirements, (cont'd.) I.

C. Corporate address of service provider:

1901 Eastpoint Parkway Louisville, Kentucky 40223

Telephone:

502-244-6666

Facsimile:

502-515-4138

All correspondence, notices, inquiries, and other communications regarding this Petition should be addressed to:

Robin Norton Technologies Management, Inc. 210 Park Avenue North Winter Park, Florida 32789 Telephone:

(407) 740-8575

Facsimile:

(407) 740-0613

Contact name and address at the Company is:

Linda Hunt Manager of Regulatory Affairs Lightyear Communications, Inc. 1901 Eastpoint Parkway Louisville, Kentucky 40223

Telephone:

502-244-6666, Ext. 1019

Facsimile:

502-515-4138

E. Corporate Principal Officers:

The names and address of the Applicants corporate officers are listed in Exhibit A of this application.

F. Principal Officers in Tennessee

The Company does not have any employees in the state of Tennessee. Company operations will be managed centrally at the Louisville, Kentucky headquarters location.

I. Administrative Requirements, (cont'd.)

G. Copy of Articles of Organization

The Applicant, Lightyear Communications, Inc., was incorporated under the laws of the state of Kentucky as UniDial Incorporated on March 3, 1993. The Company subsequently changed its name to UniDial Communications, Inc. UniDial Communications, Inc. recently became Lightyear Communications, Inc. and received approval of its name change from the Tennessee Regulatory Authority on July 11, 2000 in Case No. 00-00483. Lightyear is a wholly owned subsidiary of Lightyear Holdings, Inc.

UniDial was granted authority to provide resold long distance services in Tennessee on July 13, 1995, in Case No. 95-02612. On January 12, 1999 the Company was granted authority to provide resold local exchange services in Case No. 98-00674.

A copy of Lightyear's Articles of Incorporation and amendments are provided in Exhibit B.

H. Copy of license to do business in the state of Tennessee.

A copy of Lightyear's Authority to transact business in the state of Tennessee is provided in Exhibit C.

II. Managerial Requirements

Lightyear is eminently qualified to provide facilities-based long distance and local exchange telecommunications services throughout Tennessee. Lightyear has an excellent senior management team, backed by experienced employees, who are competent in telephony engineering, operations and marketing. Attached hereto as Exhibit D is a list of names and biographies of Lightyear's senior management team.

III. Technical Requirements

A. Proposed network data

- Geographic area coverage: Lightyear proposes to expand its current authority to offer
 facilities based local exchange and facilities-based long distance service. Local
 exchange service will be offered throughout areas currently served by BellSouth and
 long distance service will be offered throughout the State of Tennessee.
- 2. The Company has deployed or plans to deploy twenty-six (26) switches in various states, and will also offer service based on an unbundled network element platform.
- 3. Lightyear is not planning to build any facilities or deploy any of its own switches in Tennessee. Instead it will lease lines, switches and interconnection (including the recombination of these elements into a complete service) from BellSouth.
- 4. Lightyear proposes to offer facilities-based local exchange telecommunications services to business customers throughout the state using unbundled network element platforms ("UNE-P"). Local Exchange Services include basic local service, PBX Trunk service, Direct Inward Dialing, Optional Calling Features and listing services. The company will offer this service in conjunction with resold interexchange toll services which the company is already authorized to provide in the state of Tennessee. In this proceeding, Lightyear is also seeking authority to offer its interexchange services over its own facilities.

Lightyear shall, either directly or through arrangements with its underlying carrier provide the following services: 1) access to 911 and E911 emergency service; 2) white page directory listings and directory assistance; 3) consumer access to and support for the Tennessee Relay Center in the same manner as the incumbent local exchange telephone companies; 4) free blocking service for 900/976 pay per call services in accordance with TRA policy; 5) Lifeline and Link-up services to qualifying citizens of the state; 6) educational discounts in existence as of June 6, 1995 TRA Rule 1220-4-8-.04.

III. Technical Requirements, cont'd.

B. Since all elements of the network, including lines, switches and interconnection are to be

provided by BellSouth, Lightyear will rely on the engineers of BellSouth to construct and

maintain its network services.

C. There are no special Customer Premises Equipment (CPE) requirements that would not be

compatible with an incumbent carrier. Since all elements of the network are to be provided by

BellSouth, all elements and CPE, if any, will be compatible with the BellSouth network.

D. Repair and Maintenance, Customer Service

1. Lightyear understands the importance of effective customer service for local service

consumers. Lightyear has a toll free customer service telephone number that is

available with live operator response twenty-four (24) hours per day, seven (7) days

per week. Local Service customers should call (877) 295-4200

2. Lightyear's toll free telephone number for long distance customer inquiries,

complaints and repair is (800) 393-7300. In addition, customers may contact the

company in writing at the headquarters address. The toll-free number will be printed

on the customers' monthly billing statements.

3. The contact person responsible for and knowledgeable about the company's

operations is:

Linda Hunt

Manager of Regulatory Affairs

Lightyear Communications, Inc.

1901 Eastpoint Parkway

Louisville, Kentucky 40223

Telephone:

502-244-6666, Ext. 1019

Facsimile:

502-515-4138

IV. Financial Requirements

A. Estimated cost of network, switches, and unbundled network elements (UNEs). Lightyear is not proposing to build a network or to deploy any switches in Tennessee, but will utilize unbundled network elements and UNE platforms leased from BellSouth. UNEs and UNE-Ps will be provisioned according to the interconnection agreement between BellSouth and Lightyear.

B. Most recent audited financial statements

Lightyear possesses the financial qualifications required to be a provider of facilities-based services in Tennessee. Petitioner has access to the financing and capital necessary to provide facilities-based local exchange and long distance services throughout Tennessee. In support of this Petition, attached hereto as Exhibit E-1, is a copy of the Company's most current audited financial statements.

C. Projected financial Statements

Please see Exhibit E-2

D. Capital Expenditures Budget

Not applicable as no construction is to be undertaken by Lightyear in Tennessee. The costs of Tennessee operations will consist of leasing UNE-P and additional administrative and sales overhead. Lightyear is already operating as an interexchange carrier in Tennessee and is operating as a facilities-based local exchange service provider in several states. The incremental administrative and sales costs are not projected to be significant for the Company. No new funds or capital will be required beyond that which have been already expended to expand the Company's facilities-based services in Tennessee.

E. Reciprocal Compensation for terminating ISP traffic.

Not applicable.

F. Bond requirement

The company has filed a \$20,000 bond as an interexchange reseller in the state of Tennessee.

V. Small and Minority-Owned Telecommunications Business Participation Plan

Please see Exhibit F.

VI. TRA Rules for Local Telecommunications Providers

The company provides evidence with this application that notice of the application has been served on the eighteen (18) incumbent local exchange companies in Tennessee. Please see Exhibit G.

VII. Toll Dialing Parity Plan

The company submits its Toll Dialing Parity Plan in Exhibit H.

VIII. Numbering Issues

1. What is your company's expected demand for NXXs per NPA within a year of approval of your application?

None.

2. How many NXXs do you estimate that you will request from NANPA when you establish your service footprint?

None. As a UNE-P provider all orders will be provided through BellSouth.

3. When and in what NPA do you expect to establish your service footprint?

The company intends to offer local service in territory currently served by BellSouth.

4. Will the company sequentially assign telephone numbers within NXXs?

Not applicable.

- 5. What measures does the company intend to take to conserve Tennessee numbering resources?
 - The company will comply with resource conservation measures as per BellSouth procedures.
- 6. When ordering new NXXs for growth, what percentage fill of an existing NXX does the company use to determine when a request for a new NXX will be initiated?

Not applicable.

IX. Tennessee Specific Operational Issues

1. How does the company intend to comply with TCA §65-21-114? In its description, please explain technically how the company will not bill for countywide calls within Tennessee.

Initial routing will be based on wire center locations. Billing system tables will be based on originating and terminating number.

2. Is the company aware of the Tennessee County Wide Calling database maintained by BellSouth and the procedures to enter your telephone numbers on the database?

Upon certification, we will contact BellSouth to set up appropriate procedures to provide the required intra-county calls on a toll-free basis.

3. How does your company intend to provide metro area toll-free calling ("MAC") around Memphis, Nashville, Knoxville and Chattanooga?

The Company has not yet decided whether it will provide metro area toll-free calling.

4. Is the company aware of the MAC database maintained by BellSouth and the procedures to enter your telephone numbers on the database?

If the Company decides to offer metro area toll-free calling, it will, upon certification, contact BellSouth to set up the appropriate procedures

5. Please provide the name and telephone number of an employee of your company that will be responsible to work with the TRA in resolving customer complaints.

Sarah Blackwell, Regulatory Affairs Assistant (502) 244-6666 Ext. 1035

IX. Tennessee Specific Operational Issues, cont'd.

6. Does the company intend to telemarket its services in Tennessee? If yes, is the company aware of the telemarketing statutes and regulations found in TCA §65-4-401 et seq. and Chapter 1220-4-11?

In addition to its own direct sales force, Lightyear has contracts with independent agents, some of whom utilize telemarketing. The Company and its agents are familiar with the telemarketing statutes and regulations found in TCA §65-4-401 et seq. and Chapter 1220-4-11.

X. Miscellaneous

- A. Sworn pre-filed testimony is provided in Exhibit I.
- B. Upon certification and prior to commencing service, Lightyear will file a proposed tariff for its facilities-based long distance and local exchange offerings (containing rates along with terms, and conditions of service) with the Commission.
- C. Status of Lightyear in other states.

Lightyear Communications, Inc. is certificated nationwide, except Alaska, for long distance service.

The states in which Lightyear is authorized to offer local exchange service are: Alabama, California, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Illinois, Indiana, Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia, Washington DC, West Virginia, and Wisconsin. The Company is in the process of requesting expanded authority to provide local exchange services on a facilities-basis nationwide. Petitioner has demonstrated the ability to implement new services and to work with other carriers to provide high quality, economical products for telecommunication customers.

D. Lightyear is not currently involved in any mergers or acquisitions.

X. Miscellaneous, cont'd.

- E. The Company may, in order to safeguard its interests, require a Customer which has a proven history of late payments to the Company or does not have established credit or has a bad credit rating to make a deposit prior to or at any time after the provision of service to the Customer to be held by the Company as a guarantee of the payment of rates and charges. No such deposit will be required of a Customer which has established satisfactory credit and has no history of late payments to the Company.
- F. Complaints filed with state and federal regulatory agencies.

The Company has had only one formal complaint, which was filed in Georgia, within the last five years. The complaint involved the billing of long distance charges for interLATA, intracounty calls that should have been toll-free. Since that time, Lightyear has obtained the BellSouth TAR Files which identify the interLATA, intracounty originating and terminating NXXs, and can therefore delete those calls from its toll billing. The Georgia complaint has been resolved and Lightyear anticipates no further problems with the identification of interLATA, intracounty calls.

G. Proposed Service Area

Lightyear proposes to expand its current authority to offer facilities based local exchange and facilities-based long distance service. Local exchange service will be offered within the present operating areas of BellSouth within Tennessee and long distance service will be offered throughout the state of Tennessee.

XI. Public Interest

Grant of Lightyear's Application to provide facilities-based local exchange services is in the public interest and serves the public convenience and necessity. In enacting the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996, the United States Congress determined that it is in the public interest to promote competition in the provision of telecommunications services, including local exchange services. Experience with competition in other telecommunications markets, such as long distance, competitive access, and customer premises equipment, demonstrates the benefits that competition can bring to consumers. Consumers are enjoying increased services, lower prices, higher quality, and greater reliability. This is true not only with respect to the service offerings of the new entrants, but also as a result of the response of incumbent monopoly providers to the introduction of competition.

Lightyear's proposed services will provide multiple public benefits by increasing the competitive choices available to users in Tennessee. Enhanced competition in telecommunications services likely will further stimulate economic development in Tennessee. In addition, increased competition will create incentives for all carriers to offer lower prices, more innovative services, and more responsive customer service.

XII. Statement of Compliance

Lightyear agrees to abide by TCA §65-4-201 and all applicable state statutes and all applicable Orders, Rules and Regulations entered and adopted by the Tennessee Regulatory Authority.

WHEREFORE, Lightyear Communications, Inc. respectfully requests that the Commission enter an Order granting Lightyear's Application for a Certificate to Provide Competing Long Distance and Local Telecommunications Services throughout the State of Tennessee.

Respectfully submitted,

John J. Grerve

Director of Legal Services and General Counsel

Lightyear Communications, Inc.

1901 Eastpoint Parkway

Louisville, Kentucky 40223

Telephone:

(502) 244-6666

Facsimile:

(502) 515-4138

VERIFICATION

Commonwealth of Kentucky)	
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County of Jefferson)	

I, John J. Greive, hereby declare under penalty of perjury, that I am the Director of Legal Services and General Counsel of Lightyear Communications, Inc., the Petitioner in this proceeding; that I am authorized to make this verification on behalf of Lightyear Communications, Inc.; that I have read the foregoing Petition and exhibits; and that the facts stated therein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Jøhn J. Grørve

Director of Legal Services and General Counsel

Lightyear Communications, Inc.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this A day of October, 2000.

Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

EXHIBITS

Exhibit A Corporate Officers and Directors

Exhibit B Articles of Incorporation

Exhibit C Certificate of Authority

Exhibit D Management Profiles

Exhibit E-1 Current Financial Statements
Exhibit E-2 Projected Financial Statements

Exhibit F Small & Minority-Owned Telecommunications

Business Participation Plan

Exhibit G Notice of Filing

Exhibit H Toll Dialing Parity Plan

Exhibit I Prefiled Testimony

Exhibit A

Corporate Officers and Directors

LIGHTYEAR COMMUNICATIONS, INC. Officers and Directors

The following individuals serve as officers and directors of Lightyear Communications, Inc. and may be reached through the company's corporate office at 1901 Eastpoint Parkway, Louisville, Kentucky 40223.

Directors

J. Sherman Henderson, III S. Andrew McKay Henry C. Hirsch George Wislar Roy A. Wilkens Stuart Conrad

Officers

Larry Littlefield

J. Sherman Henderson, III - President and Chief Executive Officer

S. Andrew McKay - Chief Financial Officer

Doug Webb - Senior Vice President of Finance and Administration

John E.(Jack) Roth - Chief Operating Officer

Edward J. Wampler - Senior Vice President of Operations

Chuck Greenwalt - Vice President of Corporate Telecommunications

Elaine Bush - Vice President of Finance

Al Smith - Senior Vice President of Information Services

G. Henry Hunt
Lee Wilson
- Senior Vice President of Lightyear Communications
Senior Vice President of Network Marketing Services

Stuart Johnson - Vice President of Sales

Kevin Shady - Vice President of Network Development
Fran White - Vice President of Human Resources

Bruce Widener - Senior Vice President of Lightyear Direct/Data

Steve Seier - Senior Vice President

John Nierzwicki - Vice President of Sales

Don Shurbet - Vice President of Operations

Patty Rabe - Vice President of Financial Services

Michael Johnson - Chief Technology Officer and Vice President of Network

Legal Counsel

John J. Greive - Director of Legal Services and General Counsel

Exhibit B

Articles of Incorporation

ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT TO THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF

UNIDIAL COMMUNICATIONS, INC. ---

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John Y. Brown III Secretary of State

1. The name of the Corporation is UniDial Communications, Inc.

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2. The Articles of Incorporation of the Corporation are hereby amended by stilling 0:57 AM the existing Article 1 and by substituting a new Article 1 to read in its entirety as follows:

I. The name of the Corporation is Lightyear Communications, Inc.

3. The amendment does not provide for an exchange, reclassification or cancellation of issued shares of the Corporation.

4. These Articles of Amendment were adopted by the Board of Directors of the Corporation by unanimous written consent on April 25, 2000. The Corporation has 1000 shares of common stock that are issued, outstanding and entitled to vote on the amendment. The amendment set forth above was adopted by a written consent dated April 25, 2000, executed by the Corporation's sole shareholder, representing in excess of the 80% of the outstanding shares of common stock of the Corporation required to amend the Articles of Incorporation, as provided for in Article VIII of the Corporation's Articles of Incorporation.

Signed on April 25, 2000.

UNIDIAL COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

J. Sherman Henderson III, President and

Chief Executive Officer

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- 1. The name of the corporation is UniDial Incorporated (the "Corporation").
- 2. Article I of the Corporation's Articles of Incorporation is amended so that as amended (the "Amendment") it shall read in its entirety as follows:

The name of the corporation shall be UniDial Communications, Inc.

- 3. The Amendment does not provide for an exchange, reclassification or cancellation of issued shares of the Corporation.
- 4. These Articles of Amendment were adopted by the Board of Directors of the Corporation by unanimous written consent on March 2, 1998. The Corporation has 880 shares of common stock that are issued, outstanding and entitled to vote on the Amendment. The Corporation also has 9.1 shares of Series A Convertible Preferred Stock and 60 shares of Series B Convertible Preferred Stock issued and outstanding that are not entitled to vote on the Amendment. The Amendment set forth above was adopted by a written consent dated March 2, 1998, executed by shareholders representing at least 80% of the outstanding shares of common stock of the Corporation, as provided for in Article VIII of the Corporation's Articles of Incorporation.

Title:

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Chief Operating Officer

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Article III of the Corporation's Articles of Incorporation is amended so that, amended, it shall read in its entirety as follows (the "Amendment"):

ARTICLE III

- (a) Authorized Capital Stock. The aggregate number of shares the Corporation shall have authority to issue shall be 2,500 shares, divided into: (a) 2,000 shares of Common Stock, no par value (the "Common Stock"); and (b) 500 shares of Preferred Stock ("Preferred Stock") with such preferences, limitations and relative rights as may be determined by the Board of Directors pursuant to Article III(b), and which may be divided into and issued in series.
- (b) Relative Rights and Preferences. The preferences, limitations and relative rights of the shares of Common Stock and the shares of Preferred Stock shall be as follows:
- Common Stock. Each outstanding share of Common Stock 1. shall be entitled to one vote on each matter submitted to a vote at a meeting of shareholders. The Common Stock shall be subject to the provisions of Article III and the provisions of any resolution or resolutions validly adopted by the Board of Directors in exercise of the authority expressly vested in the Board of Directors by this Article III.
- Preferred Stock. The Board of Directors may determine, 2. in whole or in part, the preferences, limitations, and relative rights of the Preferred Stock, or one or more series of Preferred Stock, before the issuance of any such shares, which preferences, limitations and relative rights shall be specified in a subsequent amendment to these Articles of Incorporation adopted by the Board of Directors and may include, without limitation:
 - Special, conditional, or limited voting rights, or no right to (A) vote (except to the extent prohibited by law);
 - Shares of Preferred Stock that are redeemable or (B) convertible (i) at the option of the Corporation, the shareholder or another person or upon the occurrence of a designated event; (ii) for cash, indebtedness, securities, or other property; or (iii) in a designated amount or in an amount determined in accordance with a designated formula or by reference to extrinsic data or events;

- (C) Provisions entitling the holders to distributions calculated in any manner, including dividends that may be cumulative, noncumulative, or partially cumulative;
- (D) Preferences over any other class of shares with respect to distributions, including dividends and distributions upon the dissolution of the corporation; and
- (E) Other preferences, limitations, or relative rights not prohibited by law.
- 3. The Amendment does not provide for an exchange, reclassification or cancellation of the Corporation's shares.
- 4. The Amendment was adopted on November 25, 1997, upon recommendation of the Amendment to the Corporation's shareholders by the Corporation's board of directors and approval of the Amendment by a written consent of shareholders holding at least 80% of the votes entitled to be cast by the shareholders on any matter, pursuant to KRS 271B.7-040(2) and Article VIII of the Corporation's Articles of Incorporation.
- 5. The Corporation has 880 shares outstanding of a single class of Common Stock, all of which were entitled to be cast for the Amendment and of which 710 shares were cast for the Amendment through a written consent of shareholders, which amount of shares was sufficient for approval by that class of Common Stock; no shares were cast against the Amendment.

Dated November 25, 1997

UNIDIAL INCORPORATED

S. Andrew McKay | Chief Operating Officer

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- The name of the corporation is UniDial Incorporated "Corporation").
- Articles IV and V of the Corporation's Articles of Incorporation are amended so that, as amended, they shall read in their entirety as follows (the "Amendment"):

ARTICLE IV

The street address of the corporation's registered office is 12910 Shelbyville Road, Suite 211, Louisville, Kentucky 40243, and the name of the corporation's registered agent at that office is Finley J. Garvin.

ARTICLE V

The mailing address of the corporation's principal office is 12910 Shelbyville Road, Suite 211, Louisville, Kentucky 40243.

- The Amendment does not provide for an exchange, reclassification or cancellation of the Corporation's shares.
- The Amendment was adopted on October 22, 1993, upon recommendation of the Amendment to the Corporation's shareholders by the Corporation's board of directors and approval of the Amendment by a written consent of all shareholders.
- The Corporation has 700 shares outstanding of a single class, all of which were entitled to be cast and were indisputably represented and cast for the Amendment; no shares were cast against the Amendment.

Dated October 22, 1993

UNIDIAL INCORPORATED

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Chairman of the Board of

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Articles of Incorporation
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The undersigned hereby forms a corporation under the provisions of Chapter 271B of the Kentucky Revised Statutes, and adopts the following Articles of Incorporation of UniDial Incorporated.

ARTICLE I

The name of the corporation is UniDial Incorporated.

ARTICLE II

The purpose for which the corporation is organized is for the transaction of any and all lawful business for which corporations may be incorporated under KRS Chapter 271B.

ARTICLE III

- (a) The only class of shares the corporation is authorized to issue is One Thousand, (1,000) shares of common stock, no par value, designated as Common Stock.
- (b) The Common Stock shall have voting rights to the extent of one vote for each share of stock issued, which voting rights are otherwise unlimited.
- (c) The Common Stock entitles the holder(s) thereof to receive the net assets of the corporation upon dissolution in proportions authorized by law.

<u>ARTICLE IV</u>

The street address of the corporation's initial registered office is 310 Evergreen Road, Suite 102, Louisville, KY 40243, and the name of the corporation's initial registered agent at that office is Finley J. Garvin.

ARTICLE V

The mailing address of the corporation's principal office is 310 Evergreen Road, Suite 102, Louisville, KY 40243.

ARTICLE VI -

The name and mailing address of the incorporator is:

Wm. Stephen Reisz 136 St. Matthews Ave Louisville, KY 40207

ARTICLE VII

The name and mailing address of the individuals who shall serve as the initial directors of the corporation are:

Finley J. Garvin 310 Evergreen Rd, Suite 102 Louisville, KY 40243

J. Sherman Henderson, III 310 Evergreen Rd., Suite 102 Louisville, KY 40243

ARTICLE VIII

Any action required or permitted to be taken at a meeting of the shareholders of the corporation may be taken without a meeting if written consent setting forth the action so taken is signed by all of the shareholders entitled to vote on the action. It is provided, however, that except as to election of directors under KRS 271B.7-280, any action to be taken at a shareholder's meeting may be taken without a meeting if at least eighty percent (80%) of the shareholders entitled to vote on the action consent in writing to such action and prompt written notice of the taking of the action by the shareholders without a meeting (if less than unanimous) is given to the shareholders entitled to vote on the action who have not consented in writing.

ARTICLE IX

A special meeting of shareholders may be called by such person or persons authorized to do so by the bylaws of the corporation. Shareholders holding at least fifty-one percent (51%), but no less, of all the votes entitled to be cast on any issue proposed to be considered at the proposed special meeting, may call a special meeting of shareholders, by signing, dating and delivering to the corporation's secretary, one or more written demands for the meeting describing the purpose or purposes for which it is to be held.

ARTICLE X

The director of the corporation shall not be personally liable to the corporation or its shareholders for monetary damages for breach of his duties as a director, provided that such provision shall not eliminate or limit the liability of a director:

- (a) For any transaction in which the director's personal financial interest is in conflict with the financial interests of the corporation or its shareholders;
- (b) For act or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or are known to the director to be a violation of the law;
- (c) For any vote for or assent to any unlawful distribution to shareholders prohibited under KRS 271B.8-330; or
 - (d) For any transaction from which the director derived an improper personal benefit.

This document is executed by the above-named incorporator this 23 day of February, 1993.

Wm. Stephen Reisz

STATE OF KENTUCKY

COUNTY OF JEFFERSON)

Subscribed, sworn to and acknowledged before me this <u>120</u> day of February, 1993 by Wm. Stephen Reisz.

Notary Public, State at Large, Kentucky

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My Commission Expires: \o| \su

This instrument prepared by:

Wni. Slephen Reisz

Kruger & Schwartz

136 St. Matthew Avenue Louisville, KY 40207

(502) 896-0099

Exhibit C Certificate of Authority to Transact Business in the State of Tennessee

Secretary of State **Corporations Section** Polk Building, Suite 1800 /ille, Tennessee 37243-0306

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IGHTYEAR COMMUNICATIONS. INC.
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IS WILL ACKNOWLEDGE THE FILING OF THE ATTACHED DOCUMENT WITH AN FECTIVE DATE AS INDICATED ABOVE.

EN CORRESPONDING WITH THIS OFFICE OR SUBMITTING DOCUMENTS FOR LING, PLEASE REFER TO THE CORPORATION CONTROL NUMBER GIVEN ABOVE.

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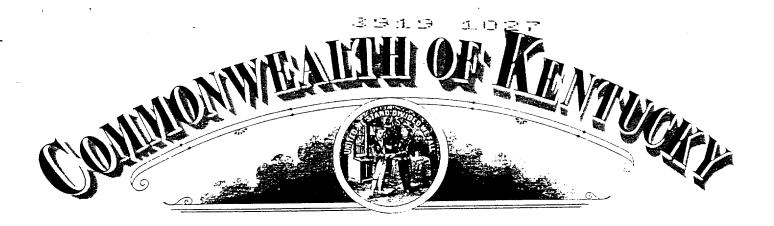
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	UniDial Communic	cations, Inc.	
To the Secretary of State of the Pursuant to the provisions corporation hereby applies for for that purpose sets forth:	- C Cartian 49 25 104 of the	Tennessee Business Corporation hority to transact business in the	n Act, the undersigned State of Tennessee, and
1. The name of the corporation	on is Lightyear Communi	cations, Inc.	-
If different, the name under w	hich the certificate of authority	y is to be obtained is	
3. The date of its incorporation	on is <u>March 5, 1993</u>	s Kentucky (must be month, day, a	
of duration, if other than perp	etual, is		•
		rincipal office is	
1901 Eastpoint Parkw	ay, Louisville, Kentu	cky 40223	Zip Code
Street	City	Butto	1
5. The complete street addre	ss (including the county and th System, 530 Gay Stree	ne zip code) of its registered offic t, Knoxville, Tennessee	e in Tennessee is . County of Knox
37902 Street	City/State	County	Zip Code
The name of its registered	agent at that office is C T Co	orporation System	
if necessary.) J. Sherman Henderso President and Chief S. Andrew McKay, 19 Financial Officer T. Douglas Webb, 19 Vice President	n III, 1901 Eastpoint Executive Officer OI Eastpoint Parkway, OI Eastpoint Parkway,	Parkway, Louisville, Kouisville, Kouisville, Kentucky Louisville, Kentucky isville, Kentucky	entucky 40223, 40223, Chief 40223, Senior

Appendix to Tennessee Application for Amended Certificate of Authority

Directors of Lightyear Communications, Inc.

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John Y. Brown III Secretary of State

Certificate of Existence

I, JOHN Y. BROWN III, Secretary of State of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby certify that according to the records in the Office of the Secretary of State,

LIGHTYEAR COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

is a corporation duly organized and existing under KRS Chapter 271B, whose date of incorporation is March 5, 1993 and whose period of duration is perpetual.

I further certify that all fees and penalties owed to the Secretary of State have been paid; that articles of dissolution have not been filed; and that the most recent annual report required by KRS 271B.16-220 has been delivered to the Secretary of State.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Official Seal at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 18th day of May, 2000.

JOHN Y. BROWN III

Secretary of State

Commonwealth of Kentucky

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Exhibit D

Management Profiles

LIGHTYEAR COMMUNICATIONS, INC. TECHNICAL ABILITY AND RESUMES OF KEY PERSONNEL

J. Sherman Henderson, III, President and Chief Executive Officer

Mr. Henderson has over twenty-five years of business experience, including sales, marketing and management. Mr. Henderson was instrumental in the growth and success of Charter Network, a long distance carrier serving five Midwestern states. He was associated with Charter from 1986 until its sale to Litel in 1990. Under Mr. Henderson's guidance, Charter grew from \$9 million in annual revenues to \$50 million in four years. Directly prior to founding Lightyear, he served as an officer for Turbo Consulting Enterprises, Inc. located in Louisville, Kentucky, which provides a wide range of consulting services to the telecommunications industry. Mr. Henderson is a graduate of Florida State University, with a B.A. degree in Business Administration. Mr. Henderson currently serves as Chairman of the Telecommunications Resellers Association.

Andy McKay, Chief Financial Officer

Andy McKay, Chief Financial Officer, joined Lightyear Communications in April 1996, after spending 14 years practicing corporate and finance law with an Atlanta-based law firm. He represented both institutional and corporate clients, including Charter Network, and his firm was very active in national and local telecommunications matters. As CFO at Lightyear, McKay supervises all areas involving Lightyear's overall fiscal health, including Finance and Administration, Lightyear's regulatory affairs, legal operations and network development. He received a B.S. in Systems Engineering from Georgia Tech, and honors from the University of Georgia School of Law. McKay is a member of the Georgia Bar Association, and holds a CPA certificate from the State of Illinois.

Doug Webb, Senior Vice President of Finance & Administration

Doug Webb, Senior Vice President of Finance and Administration, joined Lightyear Communications in November 1996, after serving as Vice President of Finance/Administration and CFO for Res-Care, Incorporated. Webb played a major role in the Initial Public Offering for Res-Care in 1992. His additional experience includes serving as Division Controller, Regional Controller, and finally Corporate Controller for Dairymen, Incorporated, a \$1 billion dollar-per-year marketing cooperative. At Lightyear, Webb is responsible for financial reporting, commissions, Lightyear Travel, Facilities, Lightyear's Financial Billing Center, Pricing, Collections, Training and Human Resources. He received his B.S. in Accounting from Tennessee Technological University and is a Certified Public Accountant.

LIGHTYEAR COMMUNICATIONS, INC. TECHNICAL ABILITY AND RESUMES OF KEY PERSONNEL, (Cont'd)

John E. (Jack) Roth, Jr., Chief Operating Officer

As Chief Operating Officer, Roth sits at the strategic helm of the organization, handling management and financial reporting for the entire company. His direct reports include the leaders of Lightyear's Sales & Marketing Staff, Lightyear's Local Service Operating Division, Network Marketing Services, Operations and Information Systems. Jack Roth joined Lightyear in March 1997 after a career as an entrepreneur and leader in the telecom industry. At Bell South, he served as Senior Vice President of Planning and Development and Director of Business Development, Mergers and Acquisitions. Prior to BellSouth, Roth began Integrated Communications Systems, a telecommunications software company. His company was later acquired by BellSouth as a marketing subsidiary and renamed Bell Information Networks, Inc. where he was President. Roth earned his B.A. in Architecture, B.S. in Industrial Administration and Masters in Architecture and Computer Science from Carnegie-Mellon University. He also has a strong community involvement with the United Way, Cystic Fibrosis and various special interest groups for the homeless and hungry. He sits on the board of the Louisville Ballet.

Edward J. Wampler, Senior Vice President of Operations

Edward J. Wampler, Senior Vice President of Operations, has played a critical role in Lightyear's Operations Department from the company's beginnings in 1993. He previously served as Operations Manager for Charter Network, where he directed marketing projects, implemented productivity reporting, created standard operations manuals, instituted performance standards, and was responsible for developing Charters customer service and order processing departments. Wampler also served as the manager for LCI International's customer service division after Charter Network was purchased. His Lightyear responsibilities include overseeing many facets of Lightyear's Operations, which include the Customer Service and Order Provisioning Divisions. Wampler received a B.A. in Economics from the University of Louisville.

Chuck Greenwalt, Vice President of Corporate Telecommunications

When Chuck Greenwalt joined Lightyear's Operations team in 1994, he brought a wealth of technical expertise with him. Today, he has parlayed that experience into a position as Vice President of Operations, serving as second in command over the company's entire customer service, billing, special accounts, SMS and dedicated departments. As an Electronic Engineering Technology graduate of Colorado Technical College in Colorado Springs, Greenwalt has spent his career in technical communication, doing everything from teaching electronics and Central Office Equipment, to controlling satellites as a crew chief for the Air Force. He is certified as an installer and designer of PBX, Harris, Mitel, Key Systems and Data Circuits, and has traveled the nation orchestrating dozens of system installations for Lightyear customers.

LIGHTYEAR COMMUNICATIONS, INC. TECHNICAL ABILITY AND RESUMES OF KEY PERSONNEL, (Cont'd)

Elaine G. Bush, Vice President of Finance

Elaine G. Bush began her career with Lightyear in 1996 as Controller. She has since moved up to head the company's finance department as Vice President of Finance, where she supervises the company's financial reporting, commissions, Financial Billing Center, pricing and Collections. Before coming to Lightyear, Bush operated her own accounting consultancy, JG Enterprises, where she worked to set up accounting systems for Lightyear, her biggest client. Her background in accounting management is quite diverse, with her career spanning positions as Controller at Centran Corporation, Manager of Accounting Operations for Entrade Corporation, and Accounting Supervisor of NTS Corporation. She received her B.S. in Accounting at the University of Louisville and is a Certified Public Accountant.

Al Smith, Senior Vice President of Information Services

Al Smith, Lightyear's Senior Vice President of Information Services, has a long and varied history in the Information Management field. Smith comes to Lightyear from the accounting firm Eskew & Gresham, where he served as manager of systems consulting. Smith began his systems career in the Army as a finance and data processing officer. He worked for much of his career in the Maryland college system, where he served as a professor of business and data processing, academic dean and director of data processing. He also was proprietor of his own computer consulting firm, Smith Associates in La Plata, Md. As Senior Vice President of Information Systems, Smith manages and maintains existing systems, and creates new standard operating procedures for the company's critical role as the company continues to grow its customer service operations. Smith holds a Bachelor of Science in Accounting and Management from Murray State University and a Master of Science in Financial Management from George Washington University.

G. Henry Hunt, Senior Vice President of Lightyear Communications

G. Henry Hunt joined Lightyear in 1996, and currently is responsible for Lightyear's Agent program including recruitment, sales support, marketing and product development. Hunt previously served as Lightyear's Director of Strategic Planning and Vice President of Marketing. Before joining Lightyear, he was President of Babcock-Rickert Advertising; worked in Marketing with Chi-Chi's, Restaurants Inc; and served as a consultant for national retail, product, and business-to-business marketing companies. Since joining Lightyear, Hunt has made significant contributions in Agency recruitment, product marketing, business planning and systems development. Hunt is a graduate of the University of Kentucky School of Journalism with additional study in Marketing.

LIGHTYEAR COMMUNICATIONS, INC. TECHNICAL ABILITY AND RESUMES OF KEY PERSONNEL, (Cont'd)

Lee Wilson, Senior Vice President of Network Marketing Services

Lee Wilson is Senior Vice President of Network Marketing Services, one of Lightyear's fastest growing divisions. Network Marketing Services provides private label telecom products and services to multilevel marketing companies such as USANA, Nutrition for Life, and more. Prior to joining Lightyear Communications in December 1994, Wilson was a Sub-Agent for one of Lightyear's most successful West coast Agents. He also served as Division Sales Manager at Boise Cascade Corporation. Wilson's extensive background in sales and sales management assisted him in overseeing the opening of Lightyear's Western Regional Office in Newport Beach, California, in July 1995, where he is still located. At Lightyear, Wilson is responsible overseeing all service and support of Network Marketing accounts. He received his B.A. in Business Administration at California State University, Fullerton.

Stuart Johnson, Vice President of Sales

A seasoned veteran telecom salesperson, Stuart Johnson joined Lightyear in May 1997 as Regional Manager and has since moved up to the position of Vice President of Sales. His primary responsibility is supervising Lightyear's Authorized Agents coast to coast and helping them to grow their businesses. His team of Territory Managers visits Agents personally, assisting with major sales initiatives and helping Agents manage their business Operations through the IMPACT system. He came to Lightyear from Quality Communications of Louisville, Ky., where he served as Director of Sales. Previously he worked as Regional Sales Manager for LCI International, and has held numerous sales and marketing positions for companies such as Philip Morris USA, Americare Corp and Advest, Inc., to name a few. He received his B.S.B.A. in Finance from Ohio State University.

Kevin Shady, Vice President, Network Development

Kevin Shady joined Lightyear in May 1994 as Product Manager, and worked his way up through many positions to become Vice President of Network Development. In this capacity, he works with Lightyear's vendor partners to negotiate product packages and evaluate network capacity. His areas of responsibility include Long Distance, Local and Data/Internet Services, as well as negotiating wholesale contracts with potential Agents and CLEC Management. He came to Lightyear from Brown & Williamson, where he worked in a wide variety of sales and marketing positions. Before entering the marketing field, he was an on-air correspondent at television stations in the Evansville, Ind., market. Shady earned his M.B.A. from Indiana University.

LIGHTYEAR COMMUNICATIONS, INC. TECHNICAL ABILITY AND RESUMES OF KEY PERSONNEL, (Cont'd)

Fran White, Vice President of Human Resources

Fran White joined Lightyear in 1998, bringing to her position more than 23 years of management experience in Human Resources. In her position at Lightyear she oversees a large human resources staff responsible for recruiting, benefits for more than 500 employees coast to coast. In 1999, she will organize an initiative which will raise Lightyear's employee base to more than 800 people in more than 13 offices nationwide. Before coming to Lightyear, White served as Manager, Director or Vice President of Human Resources at several major companies, including Management and Technology Solutions, Medecon Services, Inc., Presbyterian Church, Commonwealth Insurance Company, Louisville Cement Company and the Kentucky State Employment Service. She has received professional training and certification in Benefit Issues, Salary Administration, Compensation Plan Design and Mediation. She is a member of the Louisville Society for Human Resource management, the Louisville Employee Benefit Council and the Louisville Compensation Association. On the community side, she serves on the DePaul Board of Directors and volunteers for the cancer support network Friend for Life, and the Kentucky Cancer Pain Initiative Task Force. White received her education from Western Kentucky University, where she received a B.A. in English, and a M.P.S. Masters Degree in Counseling.

Bruce Widener, Senior Vice President of Lightyear Direct/Data

Bruce Widener, Senior Vice President of Lightyear Direct/Data Solutions, is one of the founding employees of Lightyear, Incorporated. In his position as Senior Vice President, Widener oversees Strategic Sales, National Sales for Lightyear Direct and Data Development, a division which combines Sales and Operations for all Lightyear's Data products. Widener joined Lightyear in 1993 and has served as Vice President of Marketing and Product Development, Vice President of Business Development, and Vice President of Network Services during his tenure here. Prior to joining Lightyear, Widener held positions at WorldTel Services, Litel/LCI International and Charter Network. Widener studied for his B.S. in Science at the University of Akron and Kent State University.

Steve Seier, Senior Vice President

A 15 year veteran of the information management industry, Steve Seier brings a wealth of technology experience to his position as Senior Vice President of Lightyear. He reports directly to Sherman Henderson, working to develop Lightyear's growing Strategic Sales division. In addition, Seier's group helps manage Lightyear's relationship with The Williams Companies, a strategic partner of Lightyear. Seier joined Lightyear in February of 1994 as the company's Vice President of Information Systems, where he had responsibility for evaluating and launching new products. Before joining Lightyear, Seier served as Vice President of Information Systems for Worldtel Services and Vice President of Omega Business Communications. He holds a B.S. in Computer Science and a Masters of Science in Information Systems from Colorado State University.

LIGHTYEAR COMMUNICATIONS, INC. TECHNICAL ABILITY AND RESUMES OF KEY PERSONNEL, (Cont'd)

John Nierzwicki, Vice President of Sales

John has devoted his career to building Telecommunications sales teams, and has plans to put his expertise to work as Vice President of Sales for the West Coast for Lightyear. In his position, he will oversee the performance of dozens of Lightyear Network Consultants, Directors, Regional Managers, and Account Managers nationwide. Nierzwicki graduated from Indiana University with a B.A. in Telecommunications, and began his career at TMC Long Distance in Ft. Wayne, Ind. He progressed to Sales Manager and Territorial Manager before the company was acquired by Charter Network of Louisville, Ky. He was promoted to Vice President of Sales under Charter, where he grew his region's sales significantly and negotiated the first Centrex marketing agreement with an Interexchange carrier and Ohio Bell. In 1990, he founded the company US Network where he sold Ohio Bell and Lightyear products, earning more than 6,000 customers and 60,000 lines under multiple-year agreements.

Don Shurbet, Vice President, Xios Operations

In his position with Lightyear Direct, Don Shurbet has the responsibility of planning, organizing, developing and controlling Xios operations. This includes project coordination, provisioning, installation, maintenance, special accounts and account managers of the Integrated Data Solutions effort. Prior to taking on this new position, he managed the administration for our Direct Sales operation. It's an area where he's had much experience. Before joining Lightyear, he served as President and Chief Operating Officer of Resource Companies, a medical staffing firm in Louisville, Ky. He also was Vice President of Administration for Charter Network, as well as Vice President of Operations for Jim Walter Corporation of Tampa, Fla. He holds his B.S. degree in Accounting at the University of Alabama in Birmingham.

Patty Rabe, Vice President of Financial Services

As Vice President of Financial Services, Patty has the responsibility for the normal operations of Credit and Collections functions and Audit and Compliance. She will be responsible for the implementation of a new automated collection system which will interface with our new billing system. Patty joined Lightyear in January 1997 as the Director of Audit and Compliance. Prior to joining Lightyear, Patty worked for 12 years in other accounting and I/S positions. Patty holds degrees in both Accounting and Information Systems from Bellarmine College here in Louisville, and holds an MBA from the University of Louisville.

LIGHTYEAR COMMUNICATIONS, INC. TECHNICAL ABILITY AND RESUMES OF KEY PERSONNEL, (Cont'd)

Michael Johnson, Chief Technology Officer and Sr. Vice President of Network

As Vice President of Engineering for Lightyear, Johnson is responsible for building Lightyear's facilities-based network, and engineering new communications solutions for customers from Lightyear's existing stable of resources. Johnson comes to Lightyear from Intermedia Communications, where he served as Director of Enhanced Data Services/Marketing and as Director of Wide Area Network Engineering. While at Intermedia, he was responsible for the development, design, and deployment of Intermedia's frame relay, ATM, Telemetry, VPDN, and DSL networks. Johnson was instrumental in the creation of Intermedia's open network architecture through the use of Network-to-Network Interconnections (NNIs) with other carriers, RBOCs, CLECs, and independents. Prior to joining Intermedia, Johnson was with WilTel. At WilTel, Johnson was responsible for the capacity planning and management of WilTel's frame relay networks. Prior to his planning responsibilities, he participated in many facets of Engineering including both design and field work. Johnson was involved with some of the industry's first SONET, WDM, public frame relay & ATM network deployments. Johnson holds both a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering and a Master of Business Administration from Texas A&M University.

Exhibit E-1

Current Financial Statements

The audited financial statements of Lightyear Communications, Inc. are being filed under separate cover. These documents demonstrate Lightyear's financial ability to provide the proposed services. Lightyear is a privately-held corporation and as such its financial statements are not public information, but rather constitute confidential and proprietary information. This information is therefore submitted under seal. Lightyear respectfully requests that this confidential information not be provided to any party other than members of staff who need to review the material for evaluation of applicant's fitness to provide service.

Exhibit E-2

Projected Financial Statements

(Dollar in thousands) Description		2001		2002		2003
REVENUE						
Data	↔	117,601	₩	186,340	s	268,348
Local	ь	57,565	69	97,144	₩	140,224
Long Distance	69	131,829	₩	135,250	69	129,253
Other	₩	21,490	ь	29,311	₩	37,648
TOTAL REVENUE	₩	328,484	₩	448,046	₩	575,473
LINE COSTS						
Data	₩	64,281	₩	86,503	₩,	115,454
Local	69	46,903	69	74,986	49	100,096
Long Distance	69	94,103	69	92,135	₩	83,392
Lightyear Network	69	10.462	69	16,433	€9	20,531
Other	4	20,200	ь	27,553	69	35,389
TOTAL LINE COSTS	69	235,950	₩	297,611	\$	354,863
GROSS MARGIN	69	92,534	₩	150,435	€9	220,610
GM %		28.2%		33.6%		38.3%
% SOO		71.8%		66.4%		61.7%
% Rev Growth		37.34%		36.40%		28.44%
SG&A						
Commissions	₩,	19,289	69	19,473	↔	20,810
Commission as % of Rev.		5.87%		4.35%		3.62%
SG&A (less commissions)	64	94,744	⊌9	128,038	69	163,232
SG&A % of Rev.		28.84%		28.58%		28.36%
TOTAL SG&A (less Depr/Amort)	4	114,033	69	147,511	4	184,042
SG&A % (less Depr/Amort.)		34.71%		32.95%		31.98%
EBITDA	₩	(21.499)	69	2,924	69	36,568
Depreciation and Amort.	64	17,729	₩,	31,314	64	34,537
Total SG&A % of Rev.		40.11%		39.91%	:	37.98%
EBIT	₩	(39,228)	69	(28,390)	₩	2,031
OTHER INC. & (EXP.)						
Interest Income	ь	443	69	526	69	265
Interest Expense	€9	(13,821)	⇔	(20,628)	69	(22,902)
Interest Exp Subordinated Debt	69	(4.700)	4	(2,400)	↔	1
TOTAL OTHER INC. & (EXP.)	63	(18,078)	69	(22,502)	S	(22,310)
NET INCOME (LOSS)	↔	(57,306)	₩	(50,892)	69	(20.279)

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(Dollar in thousands) Description		2001		2002		2003	
Assets							
Current assets		4	•		•		
Cash and equivalents	, e	GEZ	A (318	A 1	195	
Accounts receivable, net	· ~	70,959	•	95,950	A	118,107	
Notes receivable, net	•	4.000	•	4.000	•	3,546	
Receivables from affiliates	۰ م	. :	•	, ,	<i>A</i>	, ,	
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	٠,	27.610	0	CQC'7	0	571.7	
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Fixed assets							
Property plant and equipment	4	95,743	49	114,028	4	126,028	
Ę	60	(25,569)	~	(55,406)	8	(88,651)	
Total fixed assets	· >	70,174	9	58,622	₩.	37,377	
Other assets							
Goodwill	•	9,739	₩,	9,739	•	9,739	
Organization costs	₩	69	•	69	₩	69	
Trademarks	₩.		64	•	₩	,	
Accumulated amortization	.	(7,040)	⇔ 1	(8.517)	•> •	(9,808)	
Other non-current assets	9	4/8	9	226	9	6/9	
Total other assets Total assets	w w	3,246	w w	163,271	w w	578 162,722	
				-	1		
Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity							
Current liabilities						:	
Accounts payable	.	40,228	v > (51,323	•	58,193	
Notes payable	•	1,562	٠,	123	•	• •	
Exise tax payable	٠ ٠	2,535	٠,	3,427	.	4,219	
Payroll & payroll tax payable	A 4	747.4	٠,	949.0	A 6	626,7	
Commission payable Thearned income - agent fees	A 4	706.	A 4	302	A 4	2.141	
Dividend payable		,	•	,	•	٠.	
Other account liabilities		20 005	•	17 422	•	21 445	
Total current liabilities		71,141	63	80,552	69	93,322	
Long-term liabilities		150 507	•	707 707		264 466	
Notes payable - line of credit	e .	100,001	A 4	57 000	A 4	67,167	
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Other Capex/Working Facility	6	93,507	•	187,424	•	194,455	
Notes payable - convertible	69	40,000	•		ø		
Notes payable - Bank One	•	123	S	٠	₩		
Other deferred credits	₩	179	М	107	ø	36	
Uneamed income	S		∽		4		
Total Long-term liabilities	۰۰	190,809	•	244,531	∽	251,491	
Total liabilities	-	261,950	••	325,083	· >	344,813	
Stockholders' Equity (Deficit)							
Common stock	₽	9,088	49	9,088	₩,	9.088	
Preferred stock/Paid in capital	M	26,842	•	26.842	w	26,842	
Dividend Expense	4	(408)	49	(408)	M	(408)	
Retained earnings (accumulated deficit)	•	(89,136)		(146,442)	49	(197,334)	
Retained earnings (accumulated deficit) - current		(57,306)	- 1	(50.892)	- 1	(20.279)	
Total stockholders equity Total stabilities and stockholders equity	s s	(110,920)	1	\$ (161,812) \$ 163,271	s s	(182,091)	
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(Dollar in thousands)							
Description		2001		2002		2003	
Cash Flow from Operations							
Net Income (loss)	643	(57,306)	69	\$ (57,306) \$ (50,892) \$ (20,279)	ь	(20,279)	
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash							
provided by (used in) operating activities:							
Depreciation/Amortization	69	17,729	↔	\$ 17,729 \$ 31,314 \$ 34,537	₩	34,537	
Accretion of deferred agent fees							
Decrease (increase) in accounts receivable	₩	(20,103)	₩	\$ (20,103) \$ (24,990) \$ (22,157)	69	(22,157)	
Decrease (increase) in notes receivable from agents	69	•	₩		₩	454	
(Increase) decrease in other assets							
Decrease (increase) in notes receivable from related parties	69	,	₩	ı	₩	1	
Decrease (increase) in prepaid expenses and other assets	69	(326)	69	(197)	ьэ	(211)	
(Decrease) increase in accounts payable	₩	8,265 \$	69	11,095 \$	₩	698'9	
Increase (decrease) in accrued agent commissions	₩	49	€	39	69	135	
Increase (decrease) in deferred agent fees	₩	(300)	€9	(300) \$	↔	(300)	
Increase (decrease) in other accrued liabilities	64	7,920 \$	69	(99)	↔	6,117	
Net cash provided by (used in) operations \$ (44.073) \$ (33.987) \$	↔	(44.073)	69	(33,987)	₩	5,165	

Cash Flow from Investing	•
Purchase of property and equipment	\$ (24,978) \$ (18,285) \$ (12,000)
Decrease (increase) in other assets	

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Net cash provided by (used in) investing \$ (24,978) \$ (18,285) \$ (12,000)	69	(24,978)	€9	(18,285)	€9	(12.000)
Cash Flow from Financing						4. 4.
Debt financing - net borrowings	₩	\$ 73,437 \$ 93,917 \$	₩	93,917	€9	7,031
Repayment of short-term debt	69	(207) \$ (1,439) \$	69	(1,439)	₩	(123)
Repayment of long-term debt	69	(4,044) \$ (40,123) \$	₩	(40,123)	₩	
Proceeds from issuance of capital stock	€9	69	₩	,	₩.	1
Net cash provided by (used in) financing \$ 69,186 \$ 52,355 \$ 6,908	₩.	69,186	69	52,355	₩	806.9
Cash, BOP	69	100	₩	100 \$ 235 \$	₩	318
Net Change in Cash	€9	135 \$	69	83 \$	₩	73
Cash, EOP	₩.	235 \$	€9	318	69	391

Exhibit F

Small & Minority-Owned Telecommunications Business Participation Plan

LIGHTYEAR COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

TENNESSEE SMALL AND MINORITY-OWNED TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUSINESS PARTICIPATION PLAN

SUBMITTED TO TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

November, 2000

SMALL AND MINORITY-OWNED TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUSINESS PARTICIPATION PLAN

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SMALL AND MINORITY-OWNED TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUSINESS PARTICIPATION PLAN

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 This small and minority-owned telecommunications business participation plan ("Plan") is submitted by Lightyear Communications, Inc. ("Lightyear") as required by T.C.A. §65-5-212.
- 1.2 The administration of this Plan is the responsibility of Lightyear Communications, Inc.

2. DEFINITIONS

- 2.1 Lightyear Communications, Inc. is a private corporation who resells interexchange telecommunication services in the state of Tennessee. They are based in Louisville, Kentucky and have no employees, property, or equipment in Tennessee at this time.
- As a competitive vendor of telecommunications service, Lightyear is non-dominant in its industry. The nature of Lightyear's business limits their opportunity to support the use of Small and Minority Business in Tennessee. However, let the submission of this Plan evidence their desire to participate as practically possible.
- 2.3 Small and Minority Business For the purpose of this Plan, "minority business" means a business that is solely owned, or at least fifty-one (51%) of the assets or outstanding stock of which is owned, by an individual who personally manages and controls the daily operations of such business and who is impeded from normal entry into the economic mainstream because of race, religion, sex or national origin and such business has annual gross receipts of less than four million dollars (\$4,000,000) per T.C.A. §65-5-212.
- 3. LIGHTYEAR'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR SMALL AND MINORITY-OWNED TELECOMMUNICATION BUSINESS PARTICIPATION PLAN AND POLICY STATEMENT
 - 3.1 Lightyear intends to afford Small and Minority-Owned Telecommunications Businesses the maximum practicable opportunity to participate in the performance of contracts in accordance with T.C.A. §65-5-212.
 - 3.2 Lightyear is a provider of telecommunications service whose business operations include:

Sale and Marketing of Telecommunications Services Customer Care

Lightyear uses vendors and suppliers to support their business in the following areas: Telecommunications Service Providers
Sales Agents of Telecommunications Services
Telecommunications Billing and Collection Services

Linda Hunt, Regulatory Manager would coordinate Small and Minority-Owned Telecommunications Business referrals.

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3.4 Initial Small and Minority-Owned Telecommunications Business contacts for Lightyear would be made through their Coordinator who will seek to identify and include firms in Tennessee through the Department of Economic and Community Development's office of Minority Business Enterprise and Small Business office.

4. SMALL AND MINORITY-OWNED TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUSINESS PARTICIPATION PLAN PERIOD OF EFFECTIVENESS

4.1 Lightyear will maintain a pro-active and continuous approach toward inclusion of such firms in their supplier base. Consequently, their Plan and the associated duties and activities would not have a fixed time period for effectiveness, but rather represent Lightyear's ongoing policies and procedures. At present, Lightyear has no physical presence in Tennessee. When and if their business condition changes in Tennessee, the effectiveness of this Plan would be enhanced.

5. PLAN ADMINISTRATION

5.1 Lightyear's Plan Administrator is:

Linda Hunt, Manager of Regulatory Affairs

Lightyear Communications, Inc.

1901 Eastpoint Parkway Louisville, Kentucky 40223

Telephone:

(502) 244-6666, Ext. 1019

Facsimile:

(502) 515-4138

- 5.2 The Administrator manages the Plan, as described below in the Administrator's duties. The Administrator has direct interface with procurement personnel, contract administrators, and program and project personnel to ensure compliance with the provisions of the Plan.
- 5.3 The Administrator's specific job duties, as they relate to this Plan and Lightyear's business operations in the state of Tennessee, are as follows:
 - (a) Developing and maintaining Lightyear's Supplier Master List which would include a listing of Small and Minority-Owned Telecommunications Businesses in Tennessee who are deemed eligible to be suppliers for Lightyear.
 - (b) Reviewing Lightyear policies and procedures to ensure that Small and Minority-Owned Telecommunications Businesses in Tennessee have an equitable opportunity to be awarded contracts when possible.
 - (c) Allowing for inclusion of Small and Minority-Owned Telecommunications Businesses in those solicitations for products or service which they are capable of providing.
 - (d) Coordinating activities during the conduct of any compliance review by Tennessee state agencies.
 - (e) Preparing and submitting periodic contracting reports as required.

6. PLAN TO ASSURE EQUITABLE OPPORTUNITY

- 6.1 The Administrator shall ensure that appropriate source listings and services are properly utilized in support of the Plan. Sources/listings include but are not limited to the following:
 - (a) The Lightyear approved Master Supplier List.
 - (b) Sourcing information received from the Department of Economic and Community Development's Office of Minority Business Enterprise and Small Business Office in Nashville.

6.2 Outreach efforts will be made as follows:

- (a) The Administrator shall cultivate and maintain a relationship with the Community Development's Office of Minority Business Enterprise and Small Business Office in an effort to locate and qualify capable Small and Minority-Owned Telecommunications Businesses for participation in contracting opportunities.
- (b) The Administrator shall ensure that Lightyear provides adequate and timely consideration of the potentialities of Small and Minority-Owned Telecommunications Businesses in "make-or-buy" decisions.
- (c) The Administrator shall ensure that Lightyear counsels and discusses contracting opportunities with representatives of Small and Minority-Owned Telecommunications Businesses.
- (d) The Administrator shall ensure that Lightyear offers assistance to Small and Minority-Owned Telecommunications Businesses to explain: requests for quotations, progress payments, technical and quality assurance programs, advice on types of business typically being contracted, and the mechanics of procurement requirements and quality expectations.

7. PLAN REPORTING

- 7.1 Lightyear will submit such periodic reports and cooperate in those studies or surveys as may be required to determine the extent of compliance with this Plan.
- 7.2 Lightyear Supplier Master List will identify Small and Minority-Owned Telecommunications Businesses in Tennessee. The Supplier Master List shall be utilized in identifying potential contractors.

Exhibit G

Notice of Filing

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

In the matter of the Application of)		
Lightyear Communications, Inc. to)		
Provide Facilities Based Local and)	Docket No.	
Long Distance Telecommunications)		
Services in Tennessee)		

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF APPLICATION

On November 2, 2000, Lightyear Communications, Inc. filed an application for a Certificate to Provide facilities-based local and long distance telecommunications services in Tennessee. The application and attachments are available to interested parties upon request. Please contact Technologies Management, Inc. if you wish to receive a copy.

Technologies Management, Inc. P.O. Drawer 200 Winter Park, FL 32790-0200 (407) 740-8575 (407) 740-0613 (fax)

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this <u>2 nd</u> day of November, 2000, I caused to be served a copy of the application of Lightyear Communications, Inc. for a Certificate to Provide Competing Long Distance and Local Telecommunications service upon those companies listed below, by first class mail, postage prepaid, or equivalent service.

- Ardmore Telephone Company, Inc.
 P.O. Box 549
 517 Ardmore Avenue
 Ardmore, TN 38449
- BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. 333 Commerce Street Nashville, TN 37201-3300
- Century Telephone of Adamsville
 P.O. Box 405
 115 N. Oak Street
 Adamsville, TN 38310
- Century Telephone of Claiborne
 P.O. Box 100
 507 Main Street
 New Tazewell, TN 37825
- Century Telephone of
 Ooltewah-Collegedale, Inc.
 P.O. Box 782
 5616 Main Street
 Ooltewah, TN 37363
- 6. Citizens Communications Company of Tennessee
 P.O. Box 770
 300 Bland Street
 Bluefield, WV 24701
- 7. Citizens Communications Company
 of the Volunteer State
 P.O. Box 770
 300 Bland Street
 Bluefield, WV 24701
- Loretto Telephone Company, Inc.
 P.O. Box 130
 Loretto, TN 38469
- Millington Telephone Company, Inc. P.O. Box 429
 4880 Navy Road Millington, TN 38083-0429

- 10. Sprint-United 112 Sixth Street Bristol, TN 37620
- TDS Telecom-Concord Telephone
 Exchange, Inc.
 P.O. Box 22610
 701 Concord Road
 Knoxville, TN 37933-0610
- TDS Telecom-Humphreys County
 Telephone Company
 P.O. Box 552
 203 Long Street
 New Johnsonville, TN 37134-0552
- TDS Telecom-Tellico Telephone
 Company, Inc.
 P.O. Box 9
 102 Spence Street
 Tellico Plains, TN 37385-0009
- TDS Telecom-Tennessee Telephone
 Company
 P.O. Box 18139
 Knoxville, TN 37928-2139
- TEC-Crockett Telephone Company, Inc.P.O. Box 7Friendship, TN 38034
- TEC-People's Telephone Company, Inc.P.O. Box 310Erin, TN 37061
- TEC-West Tennessee Telephone
 Company, Inc.
 P.O. Box 10
 244 Main Street
 Bradford, TN 38316
- 18. United Telephone CompanyP.O. Box 38120 Taylor StreetChapel Hill, TN 37034

Lee Simpson, Technologies Management, Inc.

Exhibit H

Toll Dialing Parity Plan

LIGHTYEAR INTEGRATED COMMUNICATIONS, INC. DIALING PARITY PLAN

1. OBJECTIVE/PURPOSE

The intent of this Dialing Parity Plan is to permit Customers to route intraLATA toll calls automatically, without the use of access codes, to any interexchange carrier ("IXC") of the customer's choice that has established itself as an access customer under Lightyear's Access Services Tariff.

II. IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE

Lightyear anticipates providing local exchange service in Tennessee in approximately March, 2001. Any carrier desiring to provide intraLATA toll service should provide Lightyear a list of exchanges within each LATA in which it plans to offer service. Lightyear needs notification to include the carrier on the list of participating carriers in each Lightyear exchange. Each certified carrier that enters a LATA within which Lightyear is providing local exchange service will be added to the list of participating carriers after notifying Lightyear of its intent to provide intraLATA toll services in that LATA, provided that the carrier has ordered access.

III. CARRIER SELECTION PROCEDURES

Lightyear will implement a full 2-PIC carrier selection methodology. With the full 2-PIC methodology for interLATA and intraLATA presubscription, customers will be able to presubscribe to the same, or a different participating telecommunications carrier for intraLATA and interLATA toll calls.

Customers of Lightyear will affirmatively choose both an interLATA and intraLATA carrier when they sign a letter of authorization to receive switched local exchange service from Lightyear. Company employees who communicate with the public, accept orders and serve in customer service capacities are trained to explain to customers the availability of 2-PIC equal access, and to assist customers in making an initial PIC choice or in changing a PIC choice for intraLATA and interLATA toll calls.

IV. NEW CUSTOMERS

Customers who contact Lightyear requesting new telephone exchange service will be informed of the opportunity to choose both an intraLATA and interLATA PIC. If requested by the customer, Lightyear will provide a list of telecommunications carriers, including Lightyear, that are access customers and are maintaining a relationship with Lightyear pursuant to the provisions of the Company's Access Services Tariff. The list of intraLATA toll carriers will be presented in a competitively neutral manner to new Customers who do not make a positive choice for an intraLATA carrier. Until a new customer, or a customer ordering a new line makes a selection, the customer will be assigned a "no-PIC" and will have to dial an access code to make intraLATA calls. New customers will have 30 days from the date they order local exchange service to make their free selection. No charge applies to PIC selections made within this time limit. After the time limit expires, the tariffed rate for PIC changes will apply.

V. EXISTING CUSTOMERS

Lightyear has not begun local operations in Tennessee and, thus, has no existing Customer base. Lightyear proposes to provide intraLATA equal access as a feature of the Company's Tennessee local exchange service upon launch of that service. Therefore, no notification to existing Customers is required.

VI. CARRIER NOTIFICATION

Interexchange carriers that desire to become access Customers must notify Lightyear via letter or telephone call of their desire to obtain Exchange Access Service information or by completing an Access Service Request ("ASR") form. Lightyear will send each requesting carrier an information package describing Lightyear's service, processes and applicable tariffs. Once Lightyear receives and processes an IXC's Access Service Request, that carrier will be added to the list of participating carriers made available to a requesting Customer trying to choose a PIC. Lightyear will provide notice of those switches available for exchange access services to IXCs by identifying those switches in NECA Tariff FCC No. 4. In addition, Lightyear will include a list of available switches in its information package provided to each IXC in response to an inquiry.

VII. PIC FREEZES

The Company will not market intraLATA PIC freezes to customers before or during the 90-day grace period for PIC selection pursuant to paragraph VI above. PIC freezes may be provided at any time upon the customer's request.

PIC freezes may be removed with the use of a three-way call between the customer, the company and the carrier. Carriers must still follow FCC and Tennessee Regulatory Authority procedures for PIC changes (e.g., independent third party verification, written letter of agency, electronic authorization).

VIII. ANTI-SLAMMING PROCEDURES

- 1. Lightyear customers affirmatively choose both an interLATA and intraLATA carrier when they sign a letter of authorization to receive switched local exchange service from Lightyear. Customers make this selection through their own initiative or as a result of the promotional marketing activities of participating intraLATA toll telecommunications carriers. Customers may communicate their choice of carriers directly to Lightyear or indirectly through their selected carriers.
- 2. Commission authorization as a certificated intraLATA toll provider is required for a carrier to be placed on an alphabetical list of carriers willing to accept one-plus intraLATA toll traffic within a particular area.
- 3. The company will report any inappropriate business practices relating to intraLATA presubscription to the Tennessee Regulatory Authority.
- 4. The company retains verified LOAs for PIC changes for a period of no less than two years. The company also instructs interexchange carriers that they should make available recordings of third party verifications upon request.

IX OTHER REQUIREMENTS

- 1. A toll free number will be made available to customers to contact the Company for a list of available intraLATA toll providers.
- 2. The Company will implement this plan no later than thirty (30) days after approval of the Company's application for CLEC and IXC authority by the Tennessee Regulatory Authority, and the start-up of operations.
- 3. The Company will provide nondiscriminatory access to telephone numbers, operator services, directory assistance, and directory listings.
- 4. The company will comply with all rules of the FCC and the Tennessee Regulatory Authority.

Exhibit I

Prefiled Testimony

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

In re: Application of)		
Lightyear Communications, Inc.)	TRA Docket No. 00	,
For A Certificate to Provide Facilities-Based)		
Interexchange Telecommunications Services and)		
Competing Local Exchange Telecommunications)		
Services in Tennessee)		

TESTIMONY OF JOHN J. GREIVE

ON BEHALF OF

LIGHTYEAR COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

I, John J. Greive, do hereby testify as follows in support of the application of Lightyear Communications, Inc. ("Lightyear") for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity as a competing telecommunications services provider to provide facilities-based long distance and local exchange telecommunications services throughout the State of Tennessee.

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- Q. Please state your name and business address.
- 7 A. My name is John J. Greive. My business address is 1901 Eastpoint Parkway, Louisville, Kentucky 40223.

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- Q. By whom are you employed and in what capacity?
- 11 A. I am employed by Lightyear Communications, Inc., and hold the position of Director of Legal Services and General Counsel.

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- Q. Please give a brief description of your background and experience.
- 15 A. Prior to joining Lightyear in July, 1996, I maintained a general practice as a partner with
 16 Chandler, Saksetski and Greive. I also worked as an associate in the corporate section of a
 17 mid-sized firm in Louisville, Kentucky.

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- Q. What is the purpose of your testimony?
- A. The purpose of my testimony is to present evidence describing the technical, managerial and financial fitness of Lightyear Communications, Inc. to provide Facilities-Based Local Exchange Service and Long Distance Service in Tennessee. This testimony will also describe the services proposed by Lightyear Communications, Inc. and the proposed tariff structure. Finally, the purpose of my testimony is to show that the public interest will be served by approval of the application of Lightyear Communications, Inc. for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide facilities-based service.

Q. Has Lightyear registered to do business in Tennessee?

Yes. The Applicant is a Kentucky Corporation, authorized by the Tennessee Secretary of
State to transact business in the State of Tennessee. Registration to conduct business in
Tennessee was provided in Exhibit C of the application package.

Lightyear Communications, Inc. is a privately held corporation. It was originally incorporated under the laws of the state of Kentucky as UniDial Incorporated on February 23, 1993. The Company subsequently changed its name to UniDial Communications, Inc. UniDial Communications, Inc. recently became Lightyear Communications, Inc. on May 4, 2000. The Company filed notification of its name change with the Tennessee Regulatory Authority on June 6, 2000. Lightyear is a wholly owned subsidiary of Lightyear Holdings, Inc.

Q. Has Lightyear previously obtained authority in Tennessee?

A. Yes. The Company was granted authority to provide resold long distance services in Tennessee on July 13, 1995, in Case No. 95-02612. In addition, the Company received approval to provide resold local service on January 12, 1999, in Case No. 98-00674.

Q. Please describe the services Lightyear proposes to offer.

A. Lightyear proposes to offer facilities-based local exchange telecommunications services primarily to business customers throughout the state using unbundled network element platforms ("UNE-P"). Local Exchange Services include basic local service, PBX Trunk service, Direct Inward Dialing, Optional Calling Features and listing services. The Company will offer service in conjunction with resold interexchange toll services which the company is already authorized to provide in the state of Tennessee. In this proceeding, Lightyear is also seeking authority to offer its interexchange services over its own facilities.

Lightyear offers interexchange inbound and outbound telecommunications services to business customers, utilizing switched and dedicated access. Switched service is available on a presubscription basis from equal access originating end offices. Lightyear also offers operator assisted services to its own customers. The Company is developing service packages consisting of local and long distance service together with enhanced services such as voice mail.

All services are available twenty-four (24) hours per day, seven (7) days a week. Long distance service is offered as an add-on to Lightyear local service. The Applicant will commence offering services via its own and leased network facilities following the granting of this application. Lightyear has established a resale agreement with BellSouth, and has also signed an interconnection agreement, which is to be filed with the Commission for approval in the very near future.

Q. How will Lightyear bill for its services?

A. Lightyear Communications, Inc. bills customers directly.

Q. How are trouble reports, billing errors and complaints handled?

A. Lightyear Communications, Inc. provides its own Customer Service to Customers whom the Company bills directly. The Customer Service Department is open twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week. The Company's nationwide toll free number (800) 393-7300 or (877) 295-4200 for customer service. In addition, Customers may contact the Company in writing at the headquarters address.

Q. Where is Lightyear currently certificated?

Lightyear Communications, Inc. currently holds Certificates of Public Convenience and 2 A. Necessity or has met entry requirements for the provision of interexchange 3 telecommunications service in every state except Alaska. In addition, the Company is 4 authorized to offer either resold or facilities-based local exchange services, or both, in 5 Alabama, California, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Illinois, Indiana, Louisiana, 6 7 Michigan, Mississippi, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia, Washington D.C., West Virginia, and Wisconsin. The 8 9 Company has applications pending in additional states as part of its strategy to offer resold and facilities-based interexchange and local services nationwide. 10

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- 12 Q. Describe Lightyear's financial ability to operate as a local service provider.
 - A. Lightyear Communications, Inc. has a solid financial base from which to begin operations as a resale and facilities-based provider of telecommunications services. A Statement of Financial Capability is included in the Company's application along with the Company's Financial Statements.

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- Q. Does Lightyear have the managerial and technical qualifications to provide local service in Tennessee?
- A. Yes. Lightyear has a very strong and experienced management team. Biographies of key executives and technical personnel have been included with the Company's application.

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- Q. Where in Tennessee does Lightyear intend to offer its services?
- A. Local exchange service will be offered within the present operating areas of BellSouth within
 Tennessee and long distance service is currently offered throughout the State of Tennessee.
 As noted previously, Lightyear has authority to provide resold long distance and local
 exchange services in Tennessee.

- 1 Q. How will Tennessee consumers benefit from Lightyear's services?
- A. Certification of Lightyear Communications, Inc. will serve the public interest and offer several benefits to local and long distance customers in Tennessee. First and foremost,
 Lightyear will offer its customers the ability to have seamless service for local services as well as intrastate, interstate and international toll services.

- Q. Why is Lightyear seeking facilities-based authority in Tennessee? Will Lightyear use any public rights-of-way?
- A. Initially, Lightyear plans to purchase unbundled network elements (UNE) from the ILEC to use in conjunction with its own switch. The ILEC will recombine UNEs via an arrangement known as UNE-P (Unbundled Network Element- Platform). Since Lightyear has no immediate plans to deploy cable or fiber, it does not foresee using public rights-of-way in the next two quarters. However, Lightyear does request the Commission's consent to use public rights-of-way pursuant to applicable laws for possible future installations.

- 16 Q. Does this conclude your testimony?
- 17 A. Yes.